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GAS FROM A THIN LAYER OF NUCLEAR FUEL,

AND SPACE ENGINE USING SUCH METHOD

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AMENDMENT C

Dear Sir: 09788556 09788556

MSD, 00 D/In response to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003, please amend the claims of the application as follows.